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USS FORT SNELLING  
USS CHARLES F. ADAMS  
USS CANISTEO  
USS HARRY C. YARNELL  
USS IWO JIMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MILI  
SUBJECT: POST SUPPORT OF US SIXTH FLEET PORT VISITS DURING  
THIRD QUARTER

1. THE POST'S SUPPORT OF US SIXTH FLEET VESSEL PORT VISITS DURING CURRENT QUARTER COMPRISES SIX SHIPS IN THREE PORTS TOTALLING 65 DAYS. THE MAJORITY OF THE WORK WAS FOR FOUR SHIPS IN MARSEILLE FOR 58 DAYS OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. TWO OF THE VISITS, THE USS HARRY E. YARNELL AT ST. RAPHAEL AUG 14-17 AND THE USS IWO JIMA AT MARSEILLE AUG 26 TO SEPT. 9, WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY IN GREATER DETAIL.

2. IN ALL CASES THE VISITS WERE SUCCESSFUL FOR THE SHIPS AND THIS POST. THE PERSONNEL OF ALL VESSELS HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED IN THE RESPECTIVE PORTS (MARSEILLE, TOULON, ST RAPHAEL), HAVE ENJOYED A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE DURING THEIR STAY, AND HAVE DEPARTED ON A HIGH NOTE LEAVING NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS. THE CONSULATE GENERAL'S ICA STAFF MADE GOOD USE OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY EACH VISIT AND THE SHIPS'

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COMMANDS AND PERSONNEL INVARIABLY WERE EAGER TO PARTICIPATE AND OTHERWISE SUPPORT SUCH EVENTS. THESE INCLUDED VISITS TO THE SHIPS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS, PROTOCOL CALLS BY SENIOR OFFICERS ON LOCAL OFFICIALS, LOCAL RESIDENTS' HOSPITALITY FOR SHIPS' PERSONNEL, SPORTS, CONCERTS, AND HOSPITALITY OFFERED BY ASSOCIATION FRANCE-ETATS-UNIS GROUPS IN MARSEILLE, TOULON, AND ST RAPHAEL. THE IMPACT OF THESE ACTIVITIES, TAKEN TOGETHER,

WITHOUT A DOUBT HAS BROADENED AND STRENGTHENED LOCAL  
FRENCH-US UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP WERY APPRECIABLY.

3. FOUR OF THE VISITS WERE OF ABOUT FIFTEEN DAYS DURATION  
EACH AT MARSEILLE FOR PURPOSES OF MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED  
UNDER CONTRACT BY ONE OF THE SEVERAL SHIP REPAIR FIRMS IN  
THIS PORT. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE SHIPYARD WORKERS AND  
THE SHIPS' COMMANDS AND CREWS WERE SMOOTH AND COOPERATIVE  
IN SPITE OF SOME UNEASINESS AMONG SHIPYARD WORKERS, MOSTLY  
CGT AND PC CARD CARRIERS, ARISING FROM THE IMMINENT COLLAPSE  
OF MARSEILLE'S LARGE "TERRIN" SHIP REPAIR COMPANY. SEVERAL  
DAYS OF REPAIR WORK WERE LOST DUE TO SYMPATHY STRIKES IN  
SUPPORT OF THOSE BEING LAID OFF AT TERRIN, BUT ADEQUATE  
WARNING WAS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE AND CONTRACTED WORK USUALLY  
WAS COMPLETED PRIOR TO A WALKOUT.

4. THE STAFF OF CONSULATE GENERAL MARSEILLE COMPLIMENTS THE  
OFFICERS AND CREWS OF OUR RECENT NAVY VISITORS FOR THEIR  
HELPLEFULNESS AND GENIALITY AS GUESTS AND THE FINE HOSPITALITY  
THEY EXTENDED TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND THEIR LEADERS.  
WE WISH THEM SMOOTH SAILING AND HOPE THEY MAY CALL ON US  
AGAIN IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. MEIMA

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